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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78486

Seiji TSUYUKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/716,906

Group Art Unit: 3654

Confirmation No.: 7069

Examiner: John Quoc Nguyen

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For: MAGNETIC TAPE CARTRIDGE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

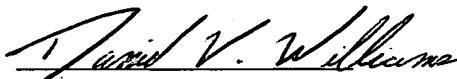
In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Species I (Figs. 1-6), upon which at least claims 1-4 are readable.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected species in due course.

An examination on the merits of the elected species is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge any required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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